a cost of Rs. 20.8 Lakhs, for repair and fitment of operator Cabin, Machine House, Planum Chamber Assembly, Right and Counter Weight Box, Hatch Cover, Centre Box etc. The spares required for recommissioning of the shovel has been ordered on OEM for Rs. 26810664.00 (inclusive of duties).

The dumper No. 1525 did not meet with any accident in August, 2001 till date.

The progressive working hours of P and H shovel (No. 8) having CIL plant No.: EXC-2092 is 11999 hours as on 25-8-2001.

The progressive working hours of dumptrs. SI. No.1525 as on 25-8-2001 was 18012 hours and as on 25-6-2002 it is 19457 hours and as on date (23-7-2002) also it is in working order.

(c) and (d) The cause of the accident concluded by the Committee is as follows:

"Occurrence of the incident is mainly attributed to the presence of hidden slip, which could not be noticed during regular mine inspection. Slicken side was cleanly visible after the slide. Due to this slip, slide has taken place without any pre-waming"

As per the Committee report, the disciplinary proceeding is in progress.

(e) The Chief General Manager and Additional General Manager (Mines) are found not responsible as per the committee report. There is no executive with the designation of Deputy Chief General Manager in Jayant project.

(f) It is not required, in view of the reply given to part (a) to (e) above.

State Ministers' meeting to discuss report of Mineral Advisory Council

1498. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the State Ministers of Mining and Geology was held in the first week of May, 2002 to discuss the Report of the Mineral Advisory Council;

(b) if so, the details of the meeting; and

(c) what is the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Coal mines in Andhra Pradesh

1499. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal mines in operation in the State of Andhra Pradesh at present, location-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Coal mines were closed in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise and reasons for closure of each mine; and

(d) whether there is any possibility of reopening these coal mines in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is presently operating 66 coal mines in its command area spread over in four districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, Khammam, Adilabad, Karimnagar and Warangal, details of which are given below:—

District	Number of underground mines	Number of opencast mines	Total number of mines
Khamman	07	07	14
Adilabad	24	01	25
Karimnagar	16	04	20
Warangal	07	Nil	07
TOTAL	64	12	66